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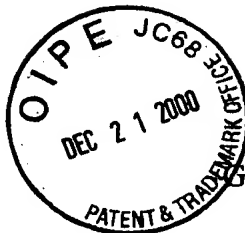
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Group Art Unit: 1775

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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find 4 sheets of formal drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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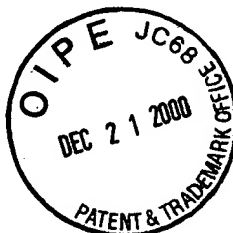


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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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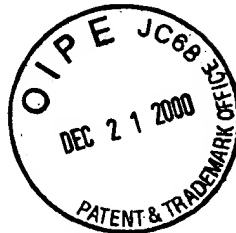
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**SUBMISSION OF EXECUTED DECLARATION**

**ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted", for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find an executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

Checks for the statutory fee of \$840.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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